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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 5282

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE JAPANESE TRADE RETALIATION IN RESPONSE TO COLOR TV

REF: TOKYO 5264

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY TOKYO REPRESENTATIVES OF FOUR AMERICAN EXPORTERS OF SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND ICS, INCLUDING FAIRCHILD AND ROCKWELL INT., WHO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A MITI OFFICIAL WITH A REQUEST FOR AN IMMEDIATE REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THEIR SALES IN JAPAN OF A POSSIBLE TEN PERCENT TARIFF SURCHARGE OVER AND ABOVE THE TEN PERCENT DUTY PLUS TWENTY PERCENT UPLIFT THEY NOW NORMALLY PAY. WHEN ASKED FOR REASONS, MITI OFFICIAL HAS SPECULATED THAT REQUEST IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO COLOR TV CASE WITH U.S.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS INFORMALLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WERE TOLD THAT RETALIATION BECAUSE OF ITC ACTION ON COLOR TV HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN TOKYO FOR SOME WEEKS AND THE MITI SURVEY MAY BE BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BEFORE THE STRAUSS VISIT, WHICH CREATED A NEW ATMOSPHERE. FOREIGN MINISTRY SEEMS TO BE SUGGESTING THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE MITI'S ACTIONS TOO SERIOUSLY. FAIRCHILD REP IN TOKYO
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ADVISES HIS U.S. PRINCIPALS WILL BE RAISING THIS QUESTION IN WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: WE DON'T THINK MITI IS DOING THIS "BY MISTAKE".
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